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**William R. Criswell** **Leanne Greene** **Harold Martin** **Ralph Walker** **Tonya Moss** **Kendal Hadaway**  
**Mayor** **Place 1** **Place 2** **Place 3** **Place 4** **Place 5**

**Carolyn Sue Cain** **Linda Hoiles** **Doug Kirkland** **Jeff Reeves**  
**City Clerk** **Court Clerk** **Chief of Police** **Fire Chief**

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**Minutes of the City of Creola City Council Meeting**  
**Thursday, January 10, 2019**  
**Creola City Hall**  
**9615 Old Hwy. 43, Creola, AL**  
**Meeting 6 P.M. Workshop 5:30 P.M.**

Mayor Criswell called the meeting to order.

Brother John White gave the Invocation.  
Pledge of Allegiance

Upon the call of roll, the following were found to be present.

Councilwoman Greene  
Councilman Martin  
Councilman Walker  
Councilwoman Moss  
Councilman Hadaway  
Mayor Criswell  
City Attorney -Mr. Danny Mims  
City Clerk-Carolyn Sue Cain

Councilwoman Moss made a motion to accept the minutes of 12/27/2018, seconded by Councilman Walker, all favored, none opposed, motion carried.

**CITIZENS ADDRESSING THE COUNCIL**

Mr. Hayes was here to ask for help in repairing Dead Lake Marina Rd. & Ext going to Saint Andrews Chapel. He understands that it is on the Pay As You Go but when he spoke with Commissioner Ludgood & Mobile County Public Works, he was told it was not on the Pay As You Go and that the City owns it. Mayor Criswell explained that he spoke with Ricky Mitchell as Bryan Kegley was out of the office. It belongs to the County and was taken out of the Pay As You Go. They

will resurface and pave it. We will work with them to fill up the potholes. The City will fill the potholes next week. It will be resurfaced soon.

(1) Ellen Lesley

Thanked the Mayor and Public Works for their efforts in getting the road back in good shape.

(2) Joan Stringfellow

She asked "What happened to the 2 new cars"? Chief Kirkland & Mayor Criswell explained that one of the vehicles was in the parking lot here tonight and 1 is having a light replaced.

(3) John White

February is Valentine month. Every year we send kids to camp. We are hosting a fundraiser on Friday, February 15<sup>th</sup> 6pm. It is a steak dinner Baked Potato, Salad, dessert & drink \$20. "To Go" plates will be available. See my Children's church leader for tickets. ALL proceeds will go to send the kids to camp. Michelle Salter asked if anyone can sponsor a kid to go to camp. Bro John stated, "Yes, anyone can sponsor a kid to go to camp."

(4) Kathy Camilleri came in after the meeting had started. Mayor explained to her that it was too late to sign in to speak.

## **RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES AND OTHER BUSINESS**

Councilwoman Greene reported that Creola is in rotation for hosting the Municipal Dinner this year. Each Municipality takes a month and provides the dinner. We were not in the rotation last year. We will be working with Bro. John White to have dinner @ his facility. She made a motion to host the dinner on September 19<sup>th</sup> and not to exceed \$3,000.00, seconded by Councilwoman Moss, all favored, none opposed, motion carried. Mayor Criswell stated that Councilwoman Greene is President of the Mobile County Municipal Association this year.

Mayor Criswell reported that our Welcome sign for the city was taken out in an accident several months ago and we need to replace it. Councilwoman Greene stated that we have a price of \$1,500.00 installed by Sign Pro. The previous sign company withdrew their quote of \$3,160.00. This sign will match our other signs-blue and white. Councilman Walker made a motion to buy the sign; seconded by Councilwoman Moss, all favored, none opposed, motion carried.

Advanced Disposal - Mayor Criswell reported that we have been getting a lot of complaints on garbage pickup and dumpsters. Advanced Disposal does not want to do recycling in the City of Creola. When they did it before, folks would put everything

including burning leaves in the containers and putting garbage in the recycle bins, as well. They will do it on an individual basis and bill you for the service. We are working with Advanced Disposal on a dumpster pickup requested in October 2018. The owner wrote letters to Atlanta and Mobile, paid them and gave them 60 days to remove it. As of today, the dumpster is still there. Mayor Criswell stated he will contact Mr. Doug Hamlett w/ Advanced Disposal tomorrow.

#### **PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE**

Councilwoman Greene stated that the next meeting will be Tuesday, January 15, 2019 workshop at 5PM; Meeting at 6PM. Councilwoman Greene stated that D.R. Horton will be at the meeting to present plans for the new homes – 3 bedroom/2 bath. There will be 4-5 plans to choose from. Prices range from \$180,000.-\$220,000. No decisions will be made at this meeting. Rumors are they are Section 8 but they are not Section 8. Mayor Criswell he received word today that the HUD/County grants for section 8 housing are out 3 years from today. These are not Section 8. They will start construction later this year.

#### **PARKS AND RECREATION**

Major Holt stated, "Nothing to report."

#### **UTILITIES AND SENIOR CITIZENS**

Councilwoman Moss stated that everything is fine with the SAIL Center. J. Pike Electric installed 20-4 ft. T8 bubs. Lighting is really bright now. Councilwoman Moss requested that we remember Freida's son, Shannon. He is in the hospital and very ill.

#### **ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS**

Mr. David Boucher, chair, stated "There has been no activity since the last meeting."

#### **FINANCE**

Councilwoman Greene gave the financial report, giving a copy to the Council. (see details of report listed below), making motion accept, seconded by Councilwoman Moss. Roll call to approve financial report.

Councilwoman Greene	YES
Councilman Martin	YES
Councilman Walker	YES
Councilwoman Moss	YES
Councilman Hadaway	YES
Mayor Criswell	YES

Approved by roll call.

Copies available to citizens attending the meeting wishing to have one. Total credits/deposits: January – December 2018 \$1,709,104.56  
 Revenues totaled \$3,743.48 1/2/19 – 1/9/2019 (includes AlaTax + deposits)  
 Withdrawals-\$18,321.17 1/2/2019 – 1/9/2019 includes analysis charge + online payments  
 November 2018: -0- No O/S checks December 2018 – 1 O/S check-\$2,155.70 Leos Uniforms- Check may be voided and a new check for the updated amount. Chief Kirkland is working to resolve this issue.

General Fund	\$ 42,702.81
Court Bond Account	12,759.95
Court Fund	29,853.56
Special Court Fund	26,119.79
MIS (Municipal Intercept Services	100.00
Fire Fund	6488.76
Police Equipment Fund	1,345.13
S.A.I.L. Center Account	5,096.66
7-cent Special Gas Tax Acct.	12,551.96
4-cent Gas Tax Acct. (including 5 cent)	<u>55,164.43</u>
Total: (in bank)	\$ 192,183.05

Councilwoman Greene reported that we will be depositing approximately \$60,000.00 tomorrow.

Mayor Criswell stated that in 2010-2013, the City had to borrow \$150,000.00 to pay bills. In the past two years, we have not borrowed 1 red penny to pay bills. We only borrowed for equipment and vehicles and we will be paying off all our loans this year. That is our goal.

Mayor Criswell stated that if you have questions about financing, question anything prior to the last two years. We are not borrowing one penny to operate on and we have a city hall that is not leaking. Income is moving forward and we are paying our bills. We will be paying off the new police cars and then we will buy 3 more. All of the equipment is paid for and we will have more operating capital to work with.

**POLICE**

Mayor Criswell reported that the PD building is now on the sewer system. They installed a duplex grinder pump. The deposit was taken care of by Integra Water.

Chief Kirkland reported that ADEM was contacted last week. There were bad odors coming from DANA Trucking. They cut of the turpentine and amines chemicals on the trucks. Bro. John White spoke with Billy Jackson, supervisor. We contacted EMA- discovered broken line. Alabama Power was called. Everything fine now. Siren alarm will be back in operation by tomorrow, if not now.

Chief Kirkland stated that we have all our cars back. Officers are now certified in radar.

Councilman Martin asked, "Did we have a couple of PD cars wrecked? Chief Kirkland replied, "We had 1 in an accident".

### **FIRE**

Fire Chief Jeff Reeves reported that the new estimate for repairs on the fire truck is \$6,159.68. We will repair the power steering and tie rod ends. Wait 1-2 months for more repairs. Will break up repairs over 2-3 months. Will bring back to the March meeting. Mayor Criswell stated that we had approved \$3,000.00 for the repairs. Chief Reeves will ask if they will do repairs and bill us in two installments.

### **STREETS/PUBLIC WORKS**

Mayor Criswell reported that he has been working with Wayne Miller and the water issues at Exit 22. We are working on culverts and ditching on Jackson Rd, as well. Gulf Coast RR will be rebuilding the RR crossing this month-Grimsley Rd. and Jackson Rd. We have been working with them about 9 months now. We are annexing properties in that area and we are moving forward with it.

### **BUILDING INSPECTOR**

Don Moss reported Ducey Rd. is coming along. He spoke with the guys at the trailer parks. They will start soon with upgrading them

Mr. Moss stated that we need to get signs with house numbers that will illuminate at night. This will make it easier to identify if there is a medical emergency. The Fire Dept and First Responders can find you. The sign company will make them. Residents can come to City Hall, pay \$25. For the sign, give your name and address. They will make the signs. They are two-sided and will not rust. If you don't have a mailbox, you can buy a post to put the numbers on. We will put out a notice to all citizens about these signs. Councilman Hadaway stated when they had them years ago, they really helped.

### **MAYOR'S DISCUSSION**

None

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Councilman Walker asked who has LeMoyne Water. He held up a pint jar with water that he got from his faucet after he had been gone for a while. In the bottom of the jar, were brown sediments.

**ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION BY: Councilman Hadaway  
SECONDED BY: Councilwoman Moss  
Meeting adjourned @ 6:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Sue Cain  
City Clerk

c.m. 01.10.2019